



*Coast Amateur Rowing Association,
Water Safety Advisor ... Jo Johnson*

***62nd SOUTH COAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS.
13th SOUTH COAST JUNIOR REGATTA.***

DEAL, on Saturday 8th September 2018.

BOAT INSPECTION.

The Rules of the South Coast Championship Regatta Council state that under Rule 18.

Rule 18. " The Council members of each Association shall appoint a representative of each Association to inspect all boats together with the Championship Water Safety Advisor as soon as practicable, at the discretion of the organising committee but before going afloat, on the morning of the Championship, Open and Junior Regatta`s. In the event of finding a boat unfit or unsuitable shall have the power to prevent the boat from going afloat, until suitable repairs have been made and the boat has been re-inspected and found to be satisfactory."

The CARA Water Safety Advisor with if desired, representatives of Hants & Dorset ARA and the West of England ARA will inspect all boats that are to be used in the Championship, Open and Junior events prior to the boats going afloat. These Boat Inspections will take place on the beach in the boat parking area.

Boats will be inspected against the CARA Safety check list. A copy of this form is attached.

All boats to be used will be made available for inspection from 08.30hrs on Saturday 8th September.

Your Club Safety Adviser, Club Captain or an appropriate representative must be on hand when the boat inspection takes place.

All Boats should be on trestles and upright ready for inspection.

It is the responsibility of the Club Captain/Coach/Crew to meet the criteria as laid down, to ensure that their boats are made available for inspection in good time and that the inspection has taken place before they go afloat. Every assistance will be given to Clubs to carry out any work required to pass the Boat Inspection.

Once the inspection team are satisfied that the boat meets the safety criteria, a Water Safety clearance sticker will be placed on the boat in a prominent position and the Beach Marshal will check every boat to ensure that this sticker is in place before allowing the boat to go afloat.

HEEL RESTRAINTS AND BUOYANCY DRUMS.

*The Water Safety Inspections will pay particular attention to heel restraints and all boat buoyancy drums should be fitted with the correct and appropriate bungs and inspection lids. Tape covering bungs or hatches **will not be acceptable.***

LIFEJACKETS.

*Please note that all coxswains **must wear** lifejackets when afloat and Clubs will be responsible for supplying these to Water Safety Standards and they must be properly adjusted. The Beach Marshal may check the suitability and fitting of these coxswains lifejackets prior to a crew going afloat..*